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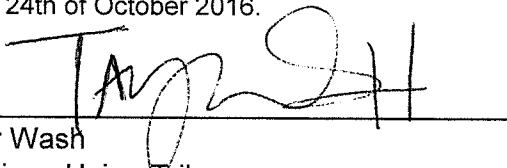
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OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**Greater Alpine Community Fuels Treatment Project
Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council**

The Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council, using grant funding provided by the USDA Forest Service, is seeking comments on the Greater Alpine Community Fuels Treatment Project which would ensure increased defensible space for the wildland urban interface on private properties located in the rural communities of the greater Alpine area, adjacent to the Descanso Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest, and provide for increased firefighter and public safety during a future wildfire event.

The Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council is seeking comments on the Greater Alpine Community Fuels Treatment Project which involves constructing fuel breaks to reduce the continuous 38-year old fuel bed that runs in a northeast to southwest direction bisecting the community of Alpine. The project areas are located on private land totaling approximately 200 acres located in the Carveacre, Japatul Valley, Rancho Nuevo, and Viejas Creek neighborhoods in the Greater Alpine area.

The proposed action is designed to complement other current and past fuels treatments on public lands in some areas, and to provide initial treatment activities in other areas. Proposed treatments would consist of hand clearing, and would involve using chainsaws and other hand tools. Trees would be thinned and limbed to enhance their chances of survival during a wildfire. Material generated from hand treatments would be chipped, loaded into trucks, removed from the site, and recycled. Treatments are designed to reduce the risk to life, property, and resource values from an unusually severe wildland fire event in the greater Alpine area and improve effectiveness of fire suppression operations and firefighter safety in the project area.

The Environmental Assessment is available for review during normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays) at Descanso Ranger District Office, 3348 Alpine Blvd. Alpine, CA 91901 or on-line at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45286.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

The Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication of this legal notice in the San Diego Union-Tribune which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or time-frame information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Electronic comments, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: comments-cleveland@fs.fed.us with Subject: Greater Alpine Community Fuels Treatment Project. Comments may also be mailed to the address listed above, delivered there during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm), or submitted by FAX (619) 445-1753. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

For additional information, contact Stephen Fillmore, Forest Prescribed Fire/Fuels Management Specialist for Cleveland National Forest at 858-674-2929 or sfillmore@fs.fed.us